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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:  
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For: OPTICAL RECORDING/REPRODUCING  
APPARATUS WITH APC AND SPS  
PROCESSES

Examiner: A.M. Psitos

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 14, 2006, please reconsider the above-referenced application in light of the following:

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over JP 09-171631 in view of Noda, and further in view of JP 11-096576. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claim 1 recites an optical recording/reproducing apparatus comprising "a semiconductor laser driver supplying a selected one of a plurality of drive currents ... to the semiconductor laser to control the emission of a laser beam by the laser; a current driver selectively outputting one of a plurality of increment currents